

## House Resolution 1905

By: Representatives O`Neal of the 146<sup>th</sup> and Talton of the 145<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the memory of Mrs. Pearl J. Stephens; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pearl J. Stephens was recently inducted into the Houston County Teacher  
3 Hall of Fame; and

4 WHEREAS, the Hall of Fame honors those extraordinary teachers who have made a  
5 significant difference in the lives of their students; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pearl J. Stephens spent more than 25 years as an outstanding classroom  
7 teacher, teaching first at Sandy Run Baptist Church; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stephens offered the board of education land to build a school and a  
9 two-room schoolhouse was built, being the black community's first tax supported school; and

10 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
11 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; her loyalty, competency, reliability, and  
12 enthusiasm distinguished her superlative service to public education in this state, and she  
13 passed away in 1980; and

14 WHEREAS, her deep personal commitment to her duties as well as her great compassion for  
15 the students she taught earned for her the respect and admiration of the people with whom  
16 she worked.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
18 the members of this body honor the memory of Mrs. Pearl J. Stephens for her many decades  
19 of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to public education in Georgia.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Pearl J.
- 3 Stephens.